[Mr. G. B. E. Truscott.]

(*b*)* A portion of the roof was damaged, some plastering cracked here and there and some window glass panes broken.

(*c*) Not traceable from the available records.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Not detrimental.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know the nature of the damages done to the building? Is it a crack in the building or in the plastering work?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The cracks are on the plaster; there is no report that the walls are cracked.

Diminution of water in the Periyar river.

4. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether any diminution of water is noticed in the Periyar river at Alwaye during successive summers for the last five years; and

(*b*) if so, the causes and reasons for it?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Due to comparatively less rain fall.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Parur Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether any diminution of water is caused by the yearly silting up of the river?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do no think so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the member has ascertained that diminution of water was not caused by silting?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not think that the silting up of the river would contribute in any way to diminution of water supply in it.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the member is aware that people go to Alwaye during summer and stay there considering it as a place of health resort?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Yes, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is the member aware that people find it very difficult to stay there when there is less water in the river?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the Government are spending any amounts for removing the silt in the river?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Are not the Government spending Rs. 50 per mile for deepening the river in a certain place?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: That is being done for maintaining a channel.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the channel once opened up will be improved next year on account of it being silted up?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will not the removal of silt in the Alwaye river where people flock, make it a better health resort?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I do not think so.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether water of the Alwaye river is utilised by other places?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: Is it in any way responsible for diminution of water in the river at Alwaye?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Not to any appreciable extent.

Construction of the Alwaye bridge.

5. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state when the construction of the Alwaye bridge is expected to be over and the bridge made available for purposes of traffic?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The end of 1114 M. E.

Destruction of crops by floods in Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur.

6. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state the average amount of destruction of crops in paddy lands owing to floods every year in the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No statistics are available.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: May I know whether it is the practice of Government to grant remission of tax on account of floods?

Mr. K. George: No. There has been no such case so far as I remember for remission of tax on that ground.

Mr. K. M. Korah (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry cum Peermade*): May I know why it is said that no statistics are available in regard to destruction of crops owing to floods?

Mr. K. George: I asked for information from the Peishkars about the matter. They reported that they have no information.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly